

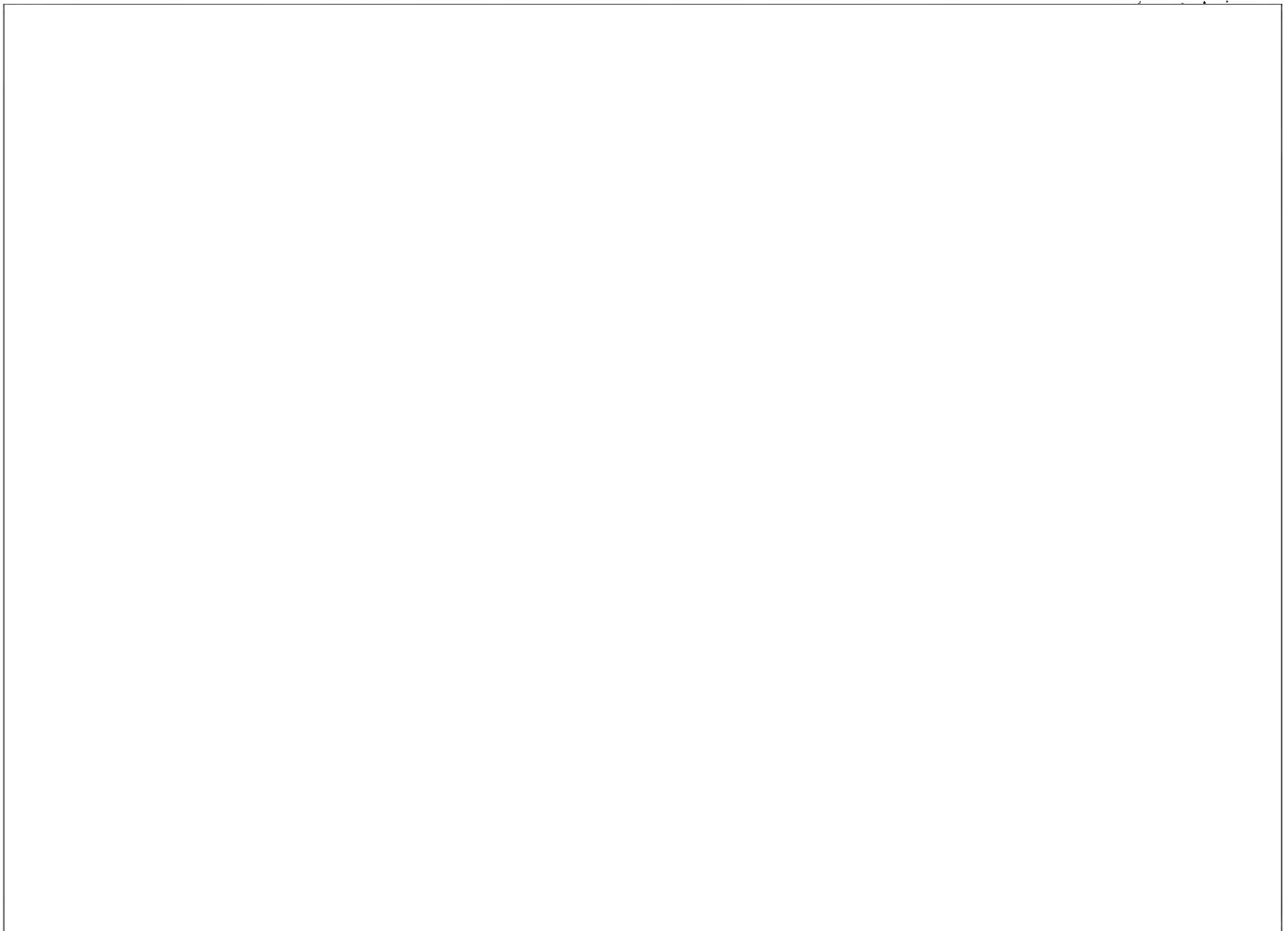
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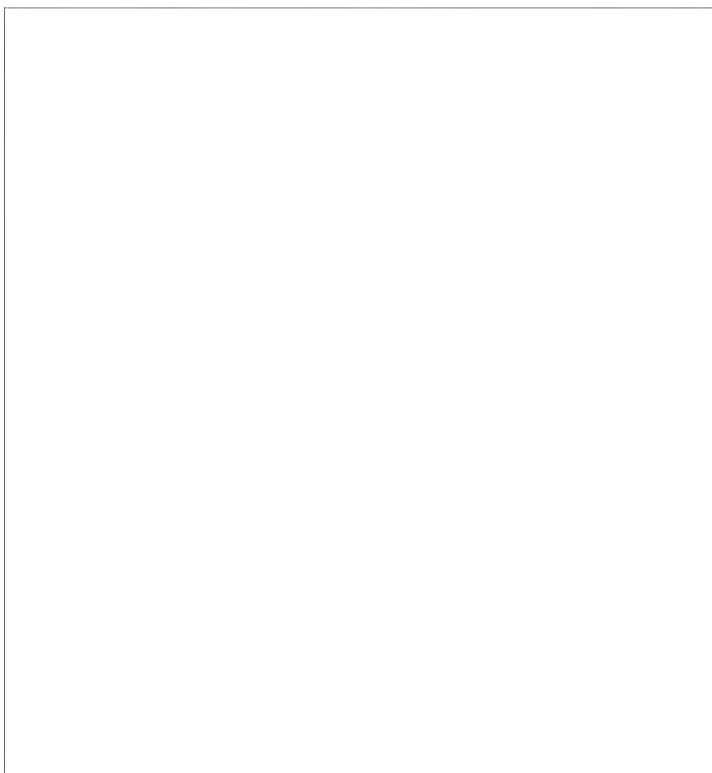
1. North Vietnam -
Communist China

a. The Chinese are probably
moving air and possibly moving
ground forces into North Vietnam.

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h. Communist propaganda makes no clear statement that the Chinese are preparing to send military forces to North Vietnam, although Peiping stated on 6 August that "all" signers of the Geneva accords now have the right to assist Hanoi.

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i. In both Hanoi and Peiping, morale-boosting campaigns are under way. Hanoi says "the fighting has only begun," and Peiping claims large rallies were held there this morning.

j. Hanoi radio says the Viet Cong have called for intensified guerrilla action as a contribution to a defense of North Vietnam.

k. Moscow is still treating the crisis with relative restraint, showing little concern that it will be allowed to escalate. The Russians have also dodged the implication contained in Peiping's 6 August statement that no socialist nation can now "sit idly by," omitting that comment from the Moscow summary.

l. Khanh declared a state of emergency in South Vietnam this morning. The decree gives military courts authority over all breaches of public security, with a mandatory death sentence for "terrorists, provocateurs, and profiteers."

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2. North Vietnam -
Reaction

a. Western Europe continues to support the US retaliation, but Paris has yet to make an official statement. [REDACTED]

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b. Latin American reaction--slow in coming--has brought strong approval from Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic.

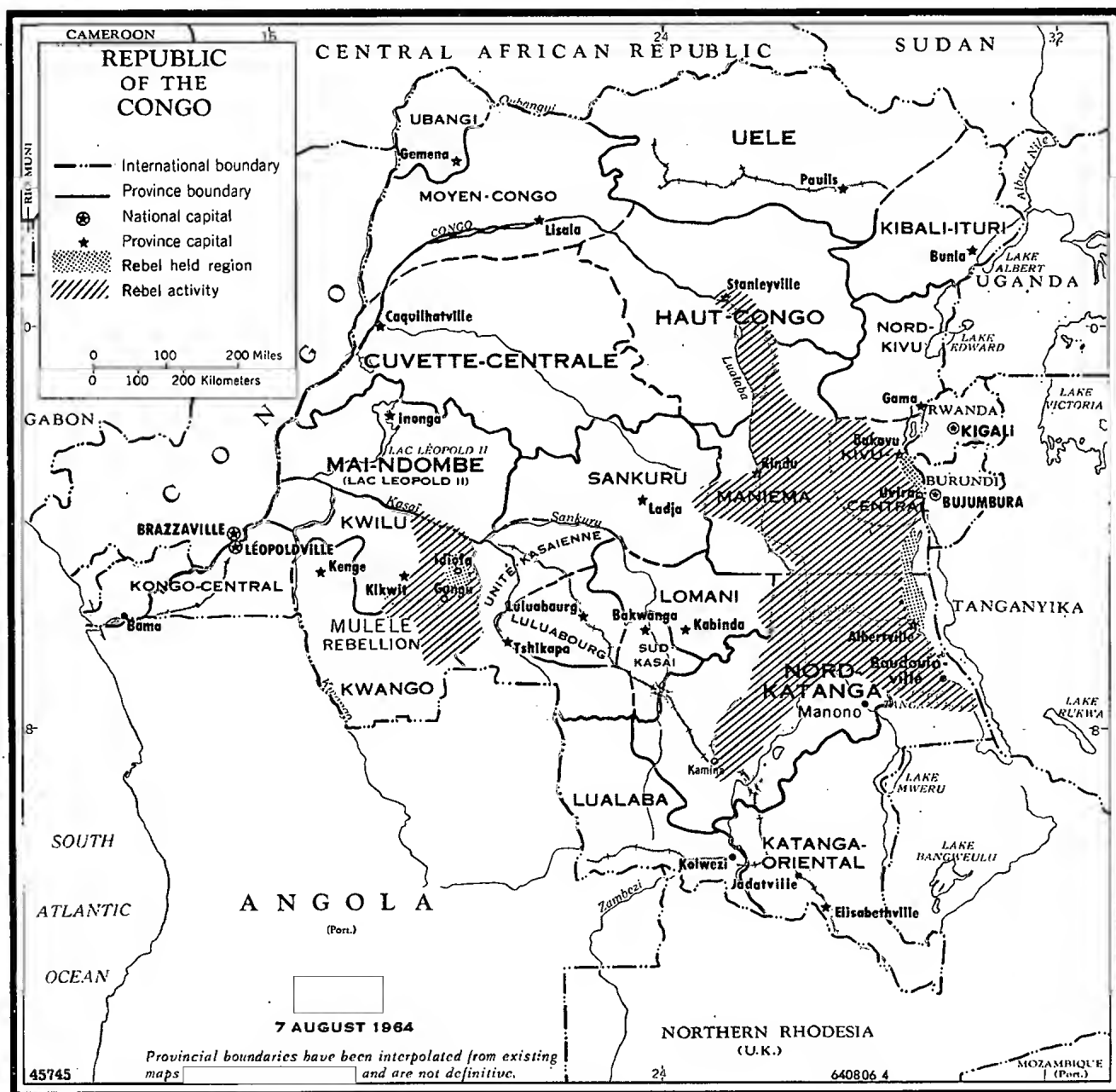
c. In Asia, Pakistani press coverage has been moderate, but there has been an anti-US student demonstration in Dacca. The Indonesian press predictably questions the US version of the recent events.

d. Middle Eastern comment has been unexceptional. The Israeli and Lebanese governments have expressed understanding of the US action.

3. Congo

a. Soumialot is apparently trying to get to Stanleyville to set up his dissident regime. It is not at all clear, however, that he can speak for all or even many of the rebels.

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b. US officials at the Stanleyville consulate have not yet been captured.

c. Bukavu remains tense but quiet.

d. The Chinese Communists are still exploiting the situation.

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4. Haiti

a. A new rebel landing took place in southwestern Haiti yesterday.

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b. We do not know the size of the force, but the Haiti Government has been sufficiently alarmed to declare a nationwide alert.

c. The populace has been warned that anyone who aids the rebels will be executed.

d. Haitian security forces, which were unable to cope with the 30-man force that landed last June, are probably in no better shape to handle the new incursion.

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5. Cyprus

a. New incidents of fighting on a serious scale have occurred.

b. An exchange in Nicosia on 5-6 August was the worst there since December. The city is apparently quiet for the present.

c. In the Kokkina area, however, fighting was still going on yesterday. It was apparently started by Turks in an effort to ease Greek Cypriot pressure on the Turkish community in Paphos. The Greeks had surrounded the Turkish Cypriot quarter at Paphos, after cutting off the water supply.

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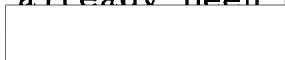
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e. Meanwhile, Cypriot officials, including Makarios, have made it clear to Ambassador Belcher that they will have none of the "Acheson Plan."

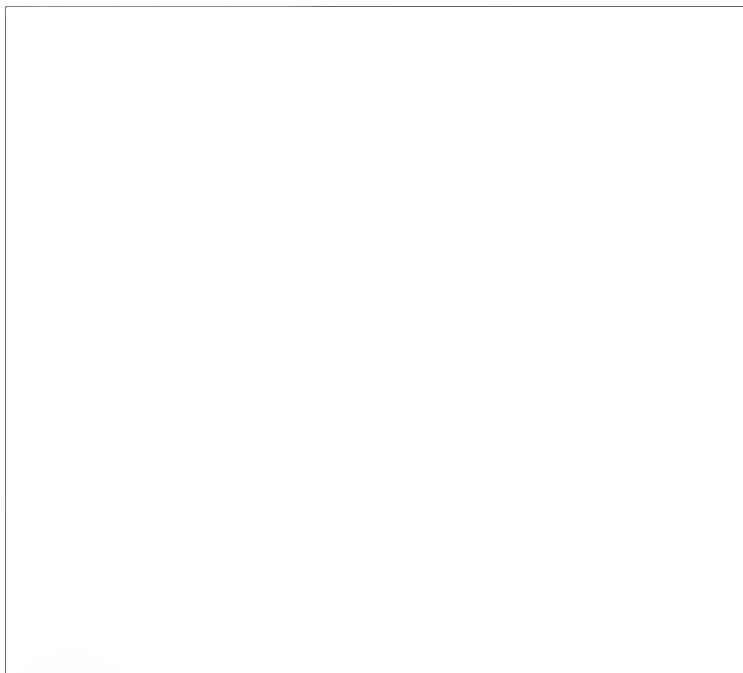
f. The minister of labor has added that an invasion from Turkey will be the signal for the Cypriot Government to "clean up" the Turkish Cypriots, for which plans have already been made.

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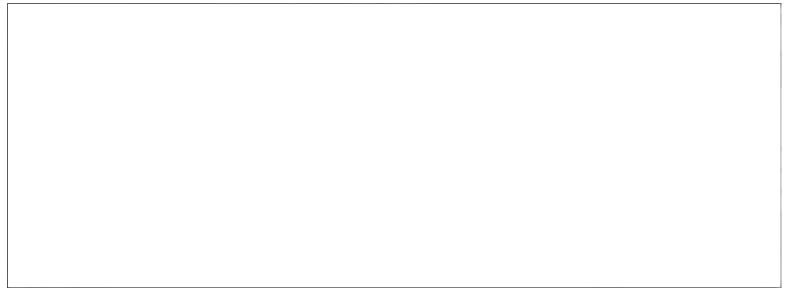


6. UK-India

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NOTES

- A. Lebanon Shihab has done another about face on the question of his re-election. [redacted]
[redacted] he has now told our ambassador he will quit when his term ends on 23 September, "come what may."
- B. Cuban Trade The UK Embassy has told the State Department that London has confirmed a Cuban purchase of ten diesel locomotives from the British Clayton Equipment Company. The contract is for about \$4.5 million. The embassy was uncertain as to credit terms, if any.
- C. Cuba-Nicaragua [redacted]
[redacted] several more" Cuban-trained Nicaraguan Communists will be returning home soon. [redacted]
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- D. Singapore New rioting broke out last night. Eight Chinese-Malayan incidents occurred, but police apparently had things under control by this morning. The Singapore Government has implied the Indonesians were behind the outbreak.

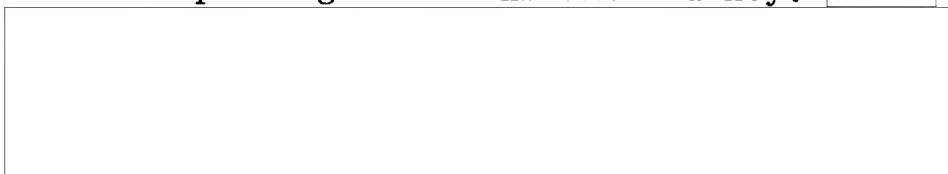
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- E. USSR-Turkey Moscow has made another gesture toward improving relations with Turkey.

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- F. Libya The Libyan Government apparently intends to exert new pressure on the US to agree in principle on evacuating Wheelus. Press attacks on the US position have been renewed after being suppressed by the government for the past few months.

- G. Southern Rhodesia Prime Minister Ian Smith will declare Southern Rhodesia independent before the British elections in October, according to former Prime Minister Welensky. If he does, African nationalists will probably set up a government in exile, supported by most of the independent African states.

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